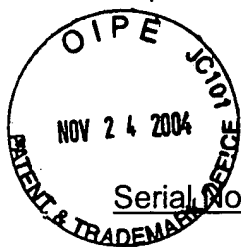


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are in response to the Examiner's final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks prior to further examination of the present application.

AMENDMENTS

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Response.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this Response.